

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT

ABSTRACT

A method and system for managing accounts that control access to resources of different providers. The account management system allows providers to use a common logon procedure through an account management server. The account management system dynamically creates accounts when users request to access resources. To access to a resource, a user provides their credentials (*e.g.*, user identifier and password) through a certain location (*e.g.*, client computer) and identifies the resource (*e.g.*, application). The account management system determines whether an account has already been created for those credentials. If not, the account management system authenticates the user, creates a new account for those credentials (*i.e.*, registration), and associates the identified resource with the account.